

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 8, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
Jane Hamman, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: **HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE
BUILDING PROGRAM**

EXECUTIVE ACTION - HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM

Discussion: Concerning the Fish Wildlife & Parks requests that
were heard in committee on February 4th; the committee updated
the chairman. The committee agreed that the appropriation to the
six counties requesting money for road repairs would be a one
time thing and that the department and counties would have to

come up with a long term solution. An emergency fund for these purposes was considered. The committee then went down the list of projects in **EXHIBIT(jlh31a01)**.

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Ms. Pam Joehler, LFD, pointed out that there were \$100,000 of general fund moneys going for operational costs in **HB 5** that she believed should be in **HB 2**. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Pat Graham, Department of Fish Wildlife & Parks, helped to refresh the committee on the projects in **EXHIBIT 1**.

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Discussion: Concerning the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial project and using Bed Tax moneys to fund the project. **Mr. Graham** answered questions. **SEN. BECK** asked how much money was raised in park fees biennially. Discussion followed concerning the salaries for Full Time Employees. **SEN. LYNCH** asked how much money the parks received from the Bed Tax.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked about the \$100,000 used as operating fees for Wildlife Habitat Maintenance. **Mr. Graham** responded that it was for monitoring easements.

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REP. ZOOK asked if the department did fence repair and road maintenance on land on which they hold the fee title or on easement properties.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked, for \$100,000, what were the responsibilities of the easement monitor. **Mr. Graham** responded that the \$100,000 was for contract management.

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Discussion: Concerning weed control.

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SEN. SWYSGOOD asked how contract management functioned. **Mr. Graham** responded.

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SEN. BECK asked about weed control on easements.

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Mr. Graham discussed proposed amendments from FW&P to **HB 5 EXHIBIT (j1h31a02)**. Discussion followed.

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SEN. BECK asked **Mr. Graham** why they kept extending the sunset in lieu of making it permanent.

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Mr. Graham continued to discuss the amendments in **EXHIBIT 2**. Questions were asked.

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REP. MCCANN asked if the department addressed weed control on properties not in the Block Management program. He then offered a conceptual amendment to the FW&P request that would call for the start-up of a "Good Neighbor Policy" that would take 1.5% of the total parks budget and put it towards weed control on private lands. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Graham discussed possibilities for diverting funds to cover the costs if this amendment were instituted. Discussion followed. He then addressed the problem of monitoring how this money would be used. Discussion followed.

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REP. ZOOK asked how much money was collected in state general licensing fees per year, and if these moneys could be used for weed control as they were not controlled by the Federal government. **Mr. Graham** responded that \$21,000,000 was collected and that it was complicated to divert these moneys. Discussion followed.

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SEN. BECK asked which portion of the budget money would come from to fund the request, of the six County Commissioners, for road repairs. **Mr. Graham** responded. Discussion followed.

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Discussion: Concerning the gravel problem, sources of gravel and modes of delivering it to these areas.

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SEN. SWYSGOOD commented that granting the Commissioners' request would set a dangerous precedent. Discussion followed.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if the department would need authorization to do the planning on the fish hatchery in Fort Peck. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Graham reviewed the Makoshika state park oil & mineral rights proposal. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if the department had an amendment prepared or if the committee could just vote on a conceptual amendment.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION HOUSE BILL 5 & 14
see EXHIBIT 1

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$125,000 IN LRBP CASH FOR A LINCOLN OFFICE/QUARTERS & CLEARWATER EGRESS. Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S THREE REQUESTS: \$2,100,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDINGS STATEWIDE, \$1,000,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE TO CONSTRUCT A CORE DRILLING BUILDING IN HELENA AND \$1,350,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR MINOR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMNTS STATEWIDE; AND A TITLE CHANGE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDINGS, STATEWIDE, TO INCLUDE THE ROOF AT THE HELENA HEADQUARTERS. Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE \$300,000 IN LRBP CASH FOR THE PROJECT TO SPRINKLE THE MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH NURSING CARE CENTER. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Joehler explained HB 5 amendments **EXHIBIT(jlh31a03)**.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS IN EXHIBIT 3. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE REVISED REQUEST FOR \$1,179,374 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE TO CONSTRUCT A SPECIAL CARE UNIT AT THE MONTANA VETERANS HOME. Motion carried unanimously.
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Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$290,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE TO IMPROVE THE EASTERN MONTANA VETERANS HOME. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$187,530 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE TO IMPROVE THE MONTANA VETERANS HOME. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.6 - 4.6}

DEPARTMENT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$200,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE BLUEWATER HATCHERY RENOVATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCANN moved to SET ASIDE \$100,000 ,OF THE \$1,500,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR STATE PARKS ROADS, FOR AN EMERGENCY FUND TO DEAL WITH SIGNIFICANT OCCURRENCES RELATED TO HUNTING. Motion carried with SEN. SWYSGOOD voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCANN moved to APPROVE \$1,400,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE STATE PARKS ROADS. Motion carried with SEN. SWYSGOOD voting no.
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Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$1,470,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR FUTURE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENTS. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$4,375,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE HABITAT MONTANA REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved to APPROVE \$1,100,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PARKS.

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved to INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PARKS REQUEST FROM \$1,100,000 TO \$1,200,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved to APPROVE, AS AMENDED, THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PARKS REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE \$825,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE WILDLIFE HABITAT MAINTENANCE PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$400,000 FOR THE STATEWIDE HATCHERY MAINTENANCE PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to REDUCE THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES, UNDER THE REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, FROM \$200,000 TO \$50,000 AND ADDED CONTINGENCY LANGUAGE DENOTING THAT THE \$50,000 COULD ONLY BE SPENT AFTER EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS THAT COULD MAKE BUILDING A NEW FACILITY UNNECESSARY. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to APPROVE \$829,650 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE PROJECT, AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT (EXHIBIT 2) TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR THE MOTOR BOAT RECREATION PARKS FROM \$825,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO \$950,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN SWYSGOOD moved to APPROVE THE AMENDED REQUEST FOR \$1,355,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE AND \$925,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE MOTOR BOAT RECREATION PARKS REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to APPROVE \$275,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE \$225,000 IN OTHER FUNDS (CAPITOL LAND GRANTS) FOR THE CAPITOL LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT (EXHIBIT 2), TO THE FISHING ACCESS SITE PROTECTION REQUEST, TO ADD \$75,000 IN FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE TO THE PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved to APPROVE THE AMENDED REQUEST FOR \$700,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE AND \$75,000 IN FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE FOR FISHING ACCESS SITE PROTECTION. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$630,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR FISHING ACCESS SITE ACQUISITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved to GRANT \$325,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE FISHING ACCESS SITE MAINTENANCE REQUEST (see EXHIBIT 2). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$263,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE WATERFOWL STAMP PROGRAM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE \$425,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE BIGHORN SHEEP PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT (EXHIBIT 2) TO ADD \$70,000 IN FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE TO HB 5 FOR THE BIG SPRING CREEK/BREWERY FLATS COMPLETION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to APPROVE THE AMENDMENT (EXHIBIT 2) TO ADD \$275,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE TO HB 5 FOR TONGUE RIVER MITIGATION INFLATION INDEXING. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 13.7}

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to APPROVE \$210,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR HAVRE JOB SERVICE SUPPLEMENTAL LABOR. Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved to APPROVE THE REVISED REQUEST FOR \$3,500,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN HB 14 FOR THE MNG-VETERANS AFFAIRS/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER.

Motion: SEN. LYNCH moved to APPROVE THE REVISED REQUEST FOR \$1,800,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN HB 14 AND GRANT

**SPENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR \$3,900,000 OF FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE
IN HB 5 TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ARMORY IN KALISPELL.****Discussion:**

REP. MCCANN asked how many armories would be requesting to participate in the program where the federal government matches state funds to build a new armory. **Mr. DeCunzo** responded.

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SEN. BECK asked if the department sold old armories, whether the state portion of the matching funds would be returned to the general fund and if the federal match fund would have to be repaid.

SEN. BECK asked why the matching funds for the armories were all so different. **Mr. DeCunzo** responded.

Vote: The question was called for on **SEN. LYNCH'S** motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. LYNCH** moved to **APPROVE THE REVISED REQUEST FOR \$2,200,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN HB 14 AND GRANT SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR \$4,600,000 IN FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE IN HB 5, TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ARMORY IN BOZEMAN.** Discussion followed.
Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1 - 26.6}

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LYNCH** moved to **APPROVE THE REQUESTS FOR \$800,000 IN FEDERAL SPENDING AUTHORITY, \$200,000 OF FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE FOR THE WASHRACK WASTE MITIGATION STATEWIDE AND \$300,000 IN FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE FOR SECONDARY CONTAINMENT STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SPENDING AUTHORITY IN HB 5.** Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27 - 27.7}

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LYNCH** moved to **REMOVE \$100,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FROM THE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AN EASTERN MONTANA VETERANS CEMETERY, AND TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL SPENDING AUTHORITY FROM \$100,000 TO \$1,100,000.** Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. LYNCH** moved to **APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AN EASTERN MONTANA VETERANS CEMETERY AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION - HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING
PROGRAM - CLOSED

EXHIBIT(jlh31a04) - two year comparison of operation and maintenance costs for the state departments, requested by **SEN. LYNCH.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h31aad)